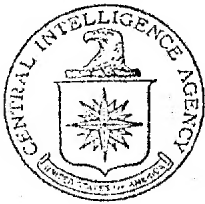


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Cease-fire Analysis

1. Attached is a memorandum entitled, "Perspectives on a Cease-fire in Vietnam" which attempts to assess current Vietnamese Communist thinking on the general subject of cease-fire in light of intelligence reports garnered over the past three months describing alleged Communist preparations for waging political struggle in a post-cease-fire environment. Work on this memorandum was already in train when your associates requested that we take a look at Communist attitudes on this subject.

2. The drafters of the attached memorandum of course had no knowledge of any negotiations on Vietnam that may be in train outside the formal Paris forum. Hence they obviously could not incorporate into this assessment any indications of Hanoi's thinking provided by Communist behavior or statements in any private sessions. Such indications -- if they exist -- would naturally influence the conclusions of any study on this subject.

3. Because of the sensitivity of this whole subject, we are limiting distribution of this memorandum to you alone.

/s/

Richard Helms  
Director

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